



340 - COVER CROP IMPLEMENTATION REQUIREMENTS

Name:	Farm No./Tract No.:
Address:	Field Number(s):
Assisted by:	Financial Assistance Program:
Date:	Contract Number:

Practice Purpose(s) (check all that apply)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> To reduce erosion from wind and water. | <input type="checkbox"/> To suppress excessive weed pressures and break pest cycles. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> To maintain or increase soil health and organic matter content. | <input type="checkbox"/> To improve soil moisture use efficiency. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> To reduce water quality degradation by utilizing excess soil nutrients. | <input type="checkbox"/> To minimize soil compaction. |

Associated Practices

This practice may be applied alone or in combination with other supporting Delaware conservation practice standards.

- ☐ The following practices are needed, and have been or will be implemented: (check all that apply)
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation Crop Rotation (328) | <input type="checkbox"/> Residue and Tillage Management, No-Till (329) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Integrated Pest Management (595) | <input type="checkbox"/> Residue and Tillage Management, Reduced Till (345) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Nutrient Management (590) | <input type="checkbox"/> Other practices (specify): |
- ☐ No associated practices are needed.

Practice Specifications

Cover Crop Layout

- ☐ Practice location(s) is/are shown on the conservation plan map.

Planting and Management Specifications

Field No(s).	Acres	Species and Seeding Method	Seeding Rate (lbs/ac)	Seeding Dates	Nutrients Applied? (Y/N)	Termination Method	Termination Date

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Operation and Maintenance (check all that apply)		
<input type="checkbox"/> Establish the cover crop within the stated time period and maintain until the stated time/growth stage. Evaluate the cover crop to determine if it is meeting the planned purpose(s). If the cover crop is not meeting the purpose(s), adjust the management, change the species of cover crop, or choose a different technology.		
<input type="checkbox"/> Control weeds as needed by mowing or by spraying with an appropriate herbicide. Noxious weeds must be controlled as required by state law.		
<input type="checkbox"/> If forage use is desired, green-chop or graze the cover crop in the late boot to early head stages when optimal nutritional content and yield is available.		
<input type="checkbox"/> Unless the cover crop will be used for supplemental forage, kill a grass cover crop no later than the late joint to early boot stage, or no later than 2 to 4 weeks before planting the next crop. This timing of the kill date permits maximum growth and uptake of residual nutrients by the cover crop, while allowing sufficient time for the decomposition of the vegetation, release of nutrients, and recharge of soil moisture. Legumes killed while succulent decompose more rapidly than grasses, so killing a legume cover crop 1 to 2 weeks before planting the next crop is usually sufficient.		
<input type="checkbox"/> Acceptable uses (e.g., green manure crop, green-chop, grazing) and time of year or frequency of use restrictions, if any (list):		
<input type="checkbox"/> Other requirements, or follow-up needed (describe):		
Additional Recommendations/Notes:		
Plan Approval		
Certified Planner Signature	Title	Date
Plan Received and Accepted		
Client Signature	Date	
Certification of Practice Completion		
This Cover Crop Practice has been implemented and meets the requirements of Delaware NRCS Conservation Practice Standard 340. Any changes to the planned practice are noted in Practice Specifications.		
Certified Planner Signature	Title	Date